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is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LR 38.

CLERK: LR 38, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Schimek. It's found on page 665 of the Legislative Journal. It involves the renaming of the Library Building on the Chadron State campus.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek, you are recognized to open on LR 38.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. This is a resolution that came to us, to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. And it's a request to ..by the State College System, to approve a proposal to rename the Old Library at Chadron State College as the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center. And for those of you who are familiar with this, you know that there has been a lot of work put into renaming this...or put into establishing this particular facility. And I would like to tell you a little bit about Mari Sandoz. The Nebraska State College System decided to name this library, as they are asking us to do, because of the renownedness of this particular author. Against incredible odds and with limited formal education, she achieved statewide, national, and international acclaim. She is viewed by many as perhaps the foremost interpreter of the Nebraska historical experience. Most of her 23 books continue to be reprinted. And they have been published in German, French, Italian, and Japanese. Four were listed in 1954 by the Chicago Corral of the Westerners as being among the 100 best books on the American West. Several appeared as Book-of-the-Month Club selections. And some of her books were adapted for popular motion picture films. Sandoz was inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame in 1976, 1 of only 22 Nebraskans to date to have received this distinguished recognition. And in 1998, she was posthumously inducted into the national Hall of Great Westerners. Because of Sand z's influence on western literature, Chadron State College believes it appropriate to recognize her efforts in the naming of this building. And this has been done not only by the State College System, but that approval has gone to the Department of Administrative Services and the Governor, and they have both approved. So now it really is up to us. And I would ask for